



MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Colstrip/Path 8 Electricity Transmission Line Upgrades and Potential Impacts on Regulation Service

You're Invited! PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

With transmission upgrades and new renewable electricity generation proposed in the region the Montana Public Service Commission has called an August 30 informational meeting to learn more about the projects and what, if any, impacts they will have on ratepayers. The commission voted unanimously on May 31 to hold the meeting in Helena and to invite Bonneville Power Administration, NorthWestern Energy, Gaelectric, Powerex, one of the Colstrip co-owners, NaturEner and any other interested parties. The Commission and those participating in the informational will discuss wide-ranging issues surrounding the planned upgrades to the 500-kilovolt Colstrip and Path 8 transmission lines. No registration is required and anyone may attend the meeting, which will be streamed live at www.psc.mt.gov.



**PSC Informational meeting
Thursday August 30, 2012
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Public Service Commission
Bollinger Room
1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena,
Montana
406-444-6199**

Possible topics of discussion include:

- Findings from BPA's recent meetings on its Montana-to-Washington upgrade
- Regional transmission system upgrades and associated costs
- Potential impacts on regulation service
- Impacts to ratepayers
- Planned new generation and integration
- Capacity constraints
- Cost responsibility for regulating proposed new generation
- Regulatory constraints

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Anyone needing an accommodation for a physical, hearing, or sight impairment in order to attend or participate should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199 at least one week before the date of the meeting. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate individual impairments.

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